IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend 8-15 as follows:

8. (Currently Amended) A thumb splint, comprising:

a thumb receiving section for receiving a thumb of a user;

an index finger receiving section for receiving an index finger of a user;

a non-extendable, flexible connector extending between and secured to the thumb receiving section and the index finger receiving section for limiting abduction of the thumb to a predetermined value; and

an elongated strap secured to the index finger receiving section for keeping the thumb and index finger receiving sections operatively and firmly positioned on the index finger and thumb, respectively.

9. (Currently Amended) The splint as claimed in claim 8, wherein said splint ~~are~~ is made from one continuous thin and light weight ribbon of material.

10. (Original) The splint as claimed in claim 9, wherein said material is polyester or nylon or other suitable webbing.

11. (Original) The splint as claimed in claim 8, said thumb receiving section having a surface for engaging a substantial portion of the distal side, relative to the index finger, of the proximal phalange of the thumb.

12. (Original) The splint as claimed in claim 8, wherein said index finger receiving section fits around the base of the proximal phalange of the index finger.

13. (Original) The splint as claimed in claim 8, wherein said connector is of a length that the thumb can move and extend back freely, but not hyper-extend or abduct the thumb away from the base of the index finger beyond 100 degrees to a position where a wearer could injure the thumb.

14. (Original) The splint as claimed in claim 8, wherein said securing strap attached to the index finger receiving section at the point where said index finger receiving section connects with the connector to hold the receiving sections down on the fingers, wrapped across the hand and the wrist to secure said splint.

15. (Original) A thumb splint, comprising:

one continuous thin and light weight ribbon of polyester or nylon material formed to define:

a thumb receiving section for receiving a thumb of a user, said thumb receiving section having a surface for engaging a substantial portion of the distal side, relative to the index finger, of the proximal phalange of the thumb;

an index finger receiving section for receiving an index finger of a user, said index finger receiving section fits around the base of the proximal phalange of the index finger;

a non-extendable, flexible connector extending between and secured to the thumb receiving section and the index finger receiving section for limiting abduction of the thumb to a predetermined value, said connector is of a length that the thumb can move and extend back freely, but not hyper-extend or abduct the thumb away from the base of the index finger beyond 100 degrees to a position where a wearer could injure the thumb; and

an elongated strap secured to the index finger receiving section for keeping the thumb and index finger receiving sections operatively positioned on the index finger and thumb, respectively; said securing strap being attached to the index finger receiving section at the point where said index finger receiving section connects with the connector to hold the receiving sections down on the fingers, wrapped across the hand and the wrist to secure said splint.